

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### *Allowable Subject Matter*

1. Claims 1-34 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the examiner agrees with the applicant in regards to the novelty and non-obviousness of the invention.
3. The independent claims are drawn to the usage of logical paths, wherein packets of a certain type travel a fast path. Of the known art in this field, none teach or suggest the usage of a database of event lists, wherein event lists are used to configure communication modules such that subsequent packets are placed on a fast path by automatically using the manipulated module. This combination is novel and non-obvious.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

### *Conclusion*

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. They regard further background on packet processing and fast paths, and show its deviation from event lists.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MELVIN H. POLLACK whose telephone number is (571)272-3887. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-4:30 M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jason Cardone can be reached on (571) 272-3933. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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